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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
BALTERRA SEWER CORP FOR A  
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND  
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER  
SERVICE IN MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. SW-20403A-05-0586

**NOTICE OF FILING  
(COMPLIANCE)**

Decision No. 68742 (June 5, 2006) requires Balterra Sewer Corp ("Balterra") to file annual reports describing Balterra's "progress toward working with the water company for the requested area, Water Utility of Greater Tonopah, to increase the use of effluent specifically as it pertains to golf courses, ornamental lakes or other aesthetic water features."<sup>1</sup> These annual reports must continue until the Balterra's next general rate case. Accordingly, Balterra provides this report.

The Commission required this report because, at the time Balterra's CC&N was issued, Balterra was a developer-controlled entity that was not affiliated with Water Utility of Greater Tonopah ("Greater Tonopah"). The Commission was concerned that the recycled water (effluent) generated by Balterra might not be used to reduce water use by Greater Tonopah, because there was no relationship between the water utility and the wastewater utility. This condition was proposed by Mayes Proposed Amendment No. 1, filed in this docket on May 30, 2006. The order was considered at the May 31, 2006 open meeting; during this meeting the Commission adopted Mayes Proposed Amendment No. 1 as part of Decision No. 68742.

The separate ownership that concerned the Commission no longer exists. Global Water, Inc.<sup>2</sup> acquired the stock of Balterra Sewer Corp in a transaction that was approved by the Commission in April 2008. Global Water, LLC also owns the stock of Greater Tonopah. Greater

<sup>1</sup> Decision No. 68742 at page 12, lines 7 to 9.

<sup>2</sup> Global Water, Inc. was converted to Global Water, LLC on December 29, 2010.

1 Tonopah holds the certificate of convenience and necessity (CC&N) for water service for the area  
2 covered by Balterra's wastewater CC&N. Thus, Balterra and Greater Tonopah are now under  
3 common ownership and management, and they will provide integrated water, wastewater, and  
4 recycled water service. In its order approving Global's acquisition of Balterra's stock, the  
5 Commission explained that "[h]aving the same company provide both water and wastewater  
6 service in the same service area is advantageous to all parties and the Commission should approve  
7 the acquisition...."<sup>3</sup>

8 As noted in Balterra's May 8, 2009 compliance filing, Balterra and Greater Tonopah will  
9 use Global's "Total Water Management" approach for the WUGT / Balterra service area. This  
10 approach includes extensive use of recycled water. For more information about Total Water  
11 Management, please see Global's Total Water Management White Paper, which can be found at  
12 this link: [http://www.gwresources.com/news/Documents/publications/wp-](http://www.gwresources.com/news/Documents/publications/wp-total_water_management.pdf)  
13 [total\\_water\\_management.pdf](http://www.gwresources.com/news/Documents/publications/wp-total_water_management.pdf). Global also provided information about its Total Water  
14 Management plan in the previous Global rate case (SW-20445A-09-0077 et al), and in the large  
15 CC&N case for the area adjacent to Balterra (W-02450A-06-0626 et al). Total Water  
16 Management includes providing recycled water for "golf courses, ornamental lakes or other  
17 aesthetic water features" as contemplated by Decision No. 68742.<sup>4</sup>

18 Balterra's service area is located in the Hassayampa Sub-Basin. A coordinated regional  
19 water resources management plan is needed for this area, including the extensive use of recycled  
20 water. Global's acquisition of Balterra's stock allows Global to extend Total Water Management  
21 to Balterra's service area. In conjunction with the Hassayampa Utility Company (also owned by  
22 Global Water, Inc.) and Greater Tonopah, Global has prepared a detailed water resources plan that  
23 includes extensive use of recycled water for the service areas of Balterra, Greater Tonopah and  
24 Hassayampa Utility Company. This plan was prepared as part of Tonopah's pending application  
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26 <sup>3</sup> Decision No. 70310 (April 24, 2008) at page 4, lines 21 to 23.

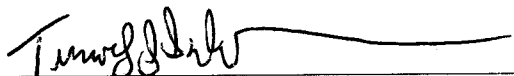
27 <sup>4</sup> Decision No. 68742 at page 12, lines 7 to 9.

1 for a Designation of Assured Water Supply from the Arizona Department of Water Resources  
2 (ADWR). ADWR is conducting an extensive, regional planning process for the Hassayampa Sub-  
3 Basin.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.

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